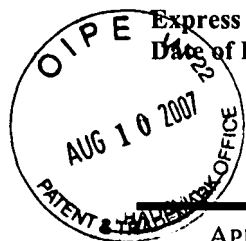


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

1. Response to Final Office Action dated May 10, 2007 (18 pages); and
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If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (212) 935-3000.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account Number **50-0311**, Reference Number **21465-508 UTIL**. Please address all correspondence to Customer Number **35437**. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed herewith.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Expedited Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 10, 2007 in relation to the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with the filing of this Response, as this Response is filed on or before the due date of August 10, 2007. However, if any additional fees are required or if any funds are due, the USPTO is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number: **50-0311**, Customer Number: **35437**, Reference Number: **21465-508 UTIL**.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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